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## James A. Garfield National Historic Site News Release

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### **Lake County Sites to Host Cultural Heritage Volunteer Recruitment Fair**

The James A. Garfield National Historic Site (JAGNHS) and the Retired Senior and Volunteer Program of Lake County (RSVP) will hold a Cultural Heritage Volunteer Recruitment Fair on Saturday, April 26 from noon – 5:00p.m. in the JAGNHS Visitor Center. This event is collaboration among several Lake County organizations sharing similar missions and volunteer needs, and will be a “one stop shop” for attendees looking for volunteer outlets offering history, nature-related and other cultural opportunities.

Participants include: RSVP, JAGNHS, The Holden Arboretum, Lake County Historical Society, Perry Historical Society, Willoughby Historical Society, Willoughby Area Welcome Center, Madison Historical Society, Lake County Humane Society, The Indian Museum, Lake Metroparks and Little Red Schoolhouse in Willoughby. Each table will be staffed by a knowledgeable person from that organization who can answer questions about the site, and share the variety of volunteer needs that are available.

This event is free and open to the public. All ages are invited to attend, as many organizations have volunteer opportunities for families and scout groups. Attendees may choose to tour the historic Garfield Home for a fee. Please call JAGNHS at 440-255-8722 for further information.

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## About the James A. Garfield National Historic Site and the National Park Service

James A. Garfield National Historic Site, a unit of the National Park Service (NPS), is located at 8095 Mentor Avenue (U.S. 20) in Mentor, Ohio, approximately 25 miles east of Cleveland. The 8-acre site consists of the main house and memorial library of James A. Garfield, the twentieth president of the United States, the 1880 presidential campaign office, the 1893 carriage house, the windmill and several outbuildings associated with the Garfield farm. Most of the furnishings and personal effects in the main house are original Garfield family pieces, on loan to the NPS by the Western Reserve Historical Society.

In the late 1990s the house was completely restored by the National Park Service, making it one of the most impressive presidential homes preserved for the public. House tours run regularly, please call ahead for a schedule. Tours and the Visitor Center are largely wheelchair accessible. Special community events and special education programs for the public are scheduled throughout the year. The Garfield site is open from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday, Saturday and Sunday from noon- 5 p.m. during May through October. November through April the site is open weekends only, noon through 5:00 p.m. For information call 440-255-8722, write 8095 Mentor Avenue, Mentor, OH 44060, or [www.nps.gov/jaga](http://www.nps.gov/jaga) on the Internet.

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